

House Resolution No. 2995

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities that have proven down through the years to be excellent places in which to live, work, and raise families; and

Whereas, Atlanta, Missouri, is the home of approximately 450 residents and is located in Macon County on a geographical divide from which water to the east drains into the Mississippi River and water to the west makes its way into the Missouri River; and

Whereas, although a drugstore run by W.R. Williamson and Dr. Daniels operated from an old barn in the area in 1856, the town itself was established by Seamen Atterberry in 1858 and was named after his family home of Atlanta, Illinois; and

Whereas, for a short time Atlanta was known as "Lick Skillet", just as the first post office run by postmaster William M. McCormick was known as "Olio" until its name was officially changed to Atlanta on February 13, 1868; and

Whereas, Atlanta was a stop on a stagecoach and freight wagon route; then a stop for the North Missouri Railroad, which later was known as the Wabash and Norfolk Western; and today a stop for travelers on Highway 63 on its north/south run through central Missouri between our neighboring states of Iowa and Arkansas; and

Whereas, the town of Atlanta has been home to a number of churches, including those from Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Primitive Baptist, and Universalist denominations, and also a Masonic Lodge; and

Whereas, Atlanta citizens have enjoyed community bands, a five-day Chautauqua, award-winning schools famous for sports, and hometown news available in the Angus, Atlanta News, and Atlanta Express newspapers published by the Sagaser family; and

Whereas, Atlanta also has been distinguished by the number of young men and women who have answered the patriotic call to national service through their enlistment in the United States armed forces during both peacetime and war:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history of the town of Atlanta and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the establishment of their hometown; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the town of Atlanta, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Tom Shively
District No. 8

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2995, adopted May 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker